Statement

Number of Medical/Dental Colleges in the country State-wise

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Medical College		Total	Number of Dental C	ge	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	21	31	2	15	17
2.	Assam	3	-	3	1	0	1
3.	Bihar	6	2	8	1	6	7
4.	Chandigarh	1	-	1	-	-	-
5.	Chhattisgarh	2	-	2	1	2	3
6.	Delhi	5	-	5	1	0	1
7.	Goa	1	-	1	1	0	1
8.	Gujarat	8	5	13	2	5	7
9.	Haryana	1	2	3	1	8	9
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2	-	2	1	4	5
11.	Jammu & Kakshmir	3	1	4	1	0	1
12.	Jharkhand	3	-	3	-	-	-
13.	Karnataka	4	28	32	1	41	42
14.	Kerala	6	8	14	3	9	12
15.	Madhya Pradesh	5	3	8	1	8	9
16.	Maharashtra	19	20	39	4	20	24
17.	Manipur	1	-	1	-	-	-
18.	Orissa	3	1	4	1	1	2
19.	Pondicherry	1	4	5	1	0	1
20.	Punjab	3	3	6	2	9	11
21.	Rajasthan	6	2	8	1	8	9
22.	Sikkim	1	-	1	-	-	-
23.	Tamil Nadu	14	8	22	1	15	16
24.	Tripura	1	-	1	-	-	-
25.	Uttar Pradesh	9	4	13	2	20	22
26.	Uttaranchal	-	2	2	0	1	1
27.	West Bengal	9	-	9	2	1	3
	TOTAL:	127	114	241	31	173	204

Trial of AIDS Vaccine

594. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National AIDS Research Institute, Pune is all set to start phase-I trial of Adeno Associated Virus Vaccine;

(b) whether the necessary ethical and regulatory approvals have been obtained from Government to select the necessary volunteers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that French researchers have been able to successfully suppress the AIDS/HIV virus upto one year among a small group of patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Tribal of AIDS Vaccine has been launched on 7th February 2005 at National AIDS Research Institute, Pune on human volunteers.

The Adeno Associated Viral vaccine (AAV) is a candidate vaccine, which is undergoing phase-I trial.

Regulatory approvals for this trial have been obtained from the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI). Scientific and ethics committee, the central ethics committee, the Drug Controller General of India, Generateic Engineering approval committee and the Health Minister's Steering Committee (HMSC), Only after the regulatory and social committee in India have critically examined the data from other trial sides, the approval for Phase-I trial in India was given.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The outcome of preliminary investigations of the efficacy of therapeutic dendritic cell based vaccine shows that it could be a promising strategy for treating patients with chronic HIV-I infections. However, study was carried out only in eighteen patients.

Sugar free tablets

595. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether aspartame is used in the manufacture of sugar free tablets and in other products sold in the market for use by diabetics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether aspartame causes various diseases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to ban use of aspartame in sugar free tablets and in other products in the interest of health of diabetics?